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McCarthy Calls for CIA Probe

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WASHINGTON—Sen. McCarthy, DFL-Minn., today called for a special one-shot investigation of the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA).

He said a thorough study is needed to help Congress decide on the best way to supervise the much-criticized espionage and intelligence gathering agency.

Several proposals are before the Senate calling for establishment of a permanent "watchdog" committee composed of members of both House and Senate. McCarthy proposed setting up a nine-senator committee to report its findings by Jan. 31 of next year. His proposal would bring about faster action, since the Senate could set up such a committee without calling for hearings or agreement by the House of Representatives.

"Recent events in Latin America and South Viet Nam illustrate the need for a thorough study," McCarthy said. "For too long the Congress and the American people have heard about some of the activities of the Central Intelligence Agency without having adequate information on which to base a considered judgment."

CIA operates worldwide in vital assignments without any direct or indirect control over its operations by Congress, the President, or public, McCarthy said.

At present, subcommittees of the House and Senate Armed Services committees receive briefings on CIA operations. There is no other contact with congress.

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